

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are minor in nature and are not intended and not believed to change the scope of the claims (except for narrowing amendments to claims 7 and 36, discussed below). Also, the above claim amendments were not made to address any known prior art issue. Therefore, it is submitted that these amendments are appropriate for consideration and entry under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

For example, the changes to claim 2 indicated below are intended and believed to simply enhance readability of the claim:

an association of temporal information, which temporal information comprises ~~comprising~~ one or more dates indicating the legal applicability of a respective part and ~~of the legal applicability of any~~ different version thereof, and the respective part of the body of law or respective different version thereof.

The same or similar amendment has been made to claims 4, 36, 46, 50, 51, 56 and 57.

In the above change, “any different version” has been changed to “different version.” Similarly: in claim 2, line 9, “any different version” has been changed to “different version”; and in claim 4, lines 7 and 15, “any different version” has been changed to “each different version”. Similar amendments concerning a modifier for “version” have been made to claims 29, 46, 50, 51, 56 and 57.

In claim 4, line 8, “topical unit” has been inserted after “each” since “each” refers back to “a plurality of topical units.”

Claims 6 and 7, prior to amendment herein, were identical. Therefore, “directly or through a topical unit with which the information unit is associated,” previously deleted from claim 7 was inserted back in, thus narrowing the claim.

Claim 18 was amended to enhance its readability with respect to leaf nodes representing an atomic unit.

Claim 36 was amended to indicate that “parts of the body of law” include “parts that are different versions of each other,” thus narrowing the claim.

Obvious clerical-type errors were corrected in claims 5, 34 and 46.

It is respectfully submitted that all changes are appropriate for entry under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and entry thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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